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## NOTICE
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| **Date:** | **Oct 23, 2026** |
| **For:** | **Family and Consumer Competency Assessments and Credentials** |
| **Vendor Name:** | **American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences** |
| **Requested by:** | **Career and Technical Education Department** |
| **Description of Purchase:** | **Assessments Certification** |
| **Cost:** | **Not to exceed $12,000 FY 26/27 Annually** |
| **Justification:** | **AAFCS and the FCS Credentialing Center provide the Pre-Processional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) assessment products that are used in many states to measure technical skill attainment and proved industry-recognized credentials.** |

**Approved By:**

Robin Booth — 10/23/26

**Robin Booth, MAOL, VCA**
**Coordinator of Purchasing**

**Date**

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Date: 10/14/2026

Name of School/District: Suffolk Public Schools

To Whom It May Concern:

The Family and Consumer Sciences Credentialing Center is operated by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) to develop and provide high quality family and consumer sciences competency assessments and credentials. The Family and Consumer Sciences Credentialing Center focuses product development on FCS career areas for which pre-professional assessments and credentials do not exist nationally. These products are targeted for use in secondary and post-secondary programs. They provide documentation of career competence at the pre-professional level for business and industry settings.

AAFCS and the FCS Credentialing Center provide the Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) assessment products that are used in many states to measure technical skill attainment and provide industry-recognized credentials. Our portfolio of products includes assessments and corresponding pre-professional certifications in 12 FCS and related content areas.

AAFCS is the sole provider of the Pre-PAC assessment products; thus, AAFCS is the sole source vendor authorized for the purchase and delivery of the Pre-PAC assessment products for the testing year.

We look forward to the opportunity to work together with you in the assessment of Family and Consumer Sciences students to document competency achievement as a means of program accountability and a strategy for program improvement. Please let me know if you have further needs.

Respectfully,

Lori A. Myers

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